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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-050-C - ORDER NO. 97-613
JULY 11, 1997

IN RE: Petition of Vanguard Cellular Systems, Inc.) ORDER
for Arbitration of its Interconnection) APPROVING
Agreement with Horry Telephone Cooperative,) AGREEMENT
Inc.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the filing of an Interconnection Agreement dated June 12, 1997, between Vanguard Cellular Systems of South Carolina, Inc. ("Vanguard") and Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Horry"). On or about January 15, 1997, this Commission received Vanguard's Petition requesting arbitration of an interconnection agreement. The Commission established a schedule and procedure for arbitration, and the Commission held an arbitration hearing on April 28, 1997. On May 8, 1997, the Commission issued its Order No. 97-383, captioned as "Order on Arbitration."

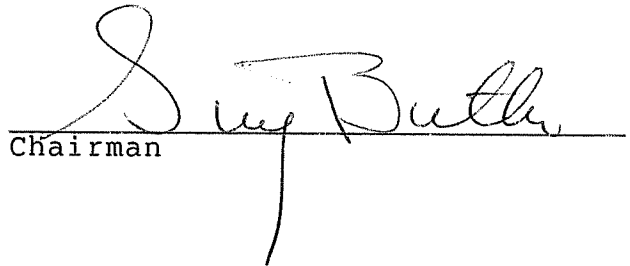
Order No. 97-383 directed Horry to file a verifiable cost study within 90 days of the date of the Order or in the alternative, allowed the parties to file a negotiated rate if the parties reached a negotiated rate prior to the expiration of the time in which to file the cost study. In response to Order No. 97-383, the parties have submitted the Interconnection Agreement

dated June 12, 1997, now before the Commission for approval. This Interconnection Agreement contains an interim rate subject to true-up upon receipt of the cost study. The submission of the Interconnection Agreement for approval is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e).

The Commission has examined the agreement and finds that it is consistent with the provisions of Order No. 97-383 and consistent with the provisions and standards set forth by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 as contained in 47 U.S.C. §252. Accordingly, this Commission approves the Interconnection Agreement dated June 12, 1997, between Vanguard and Horry.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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